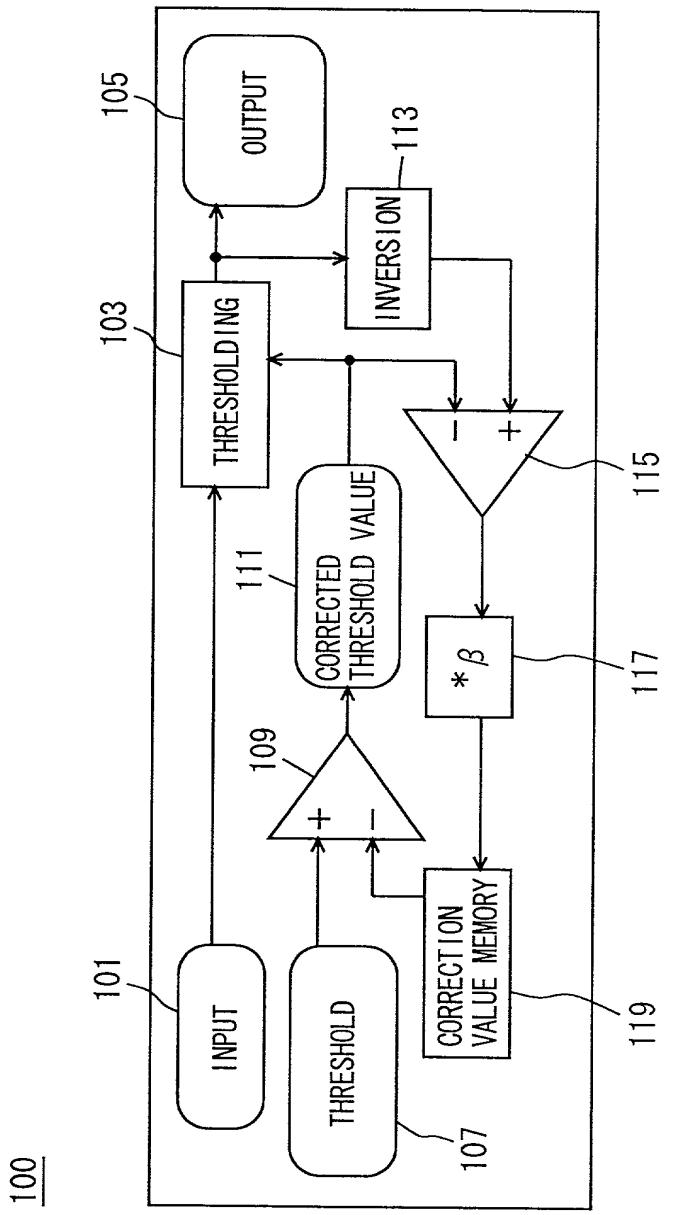


FIG. 1

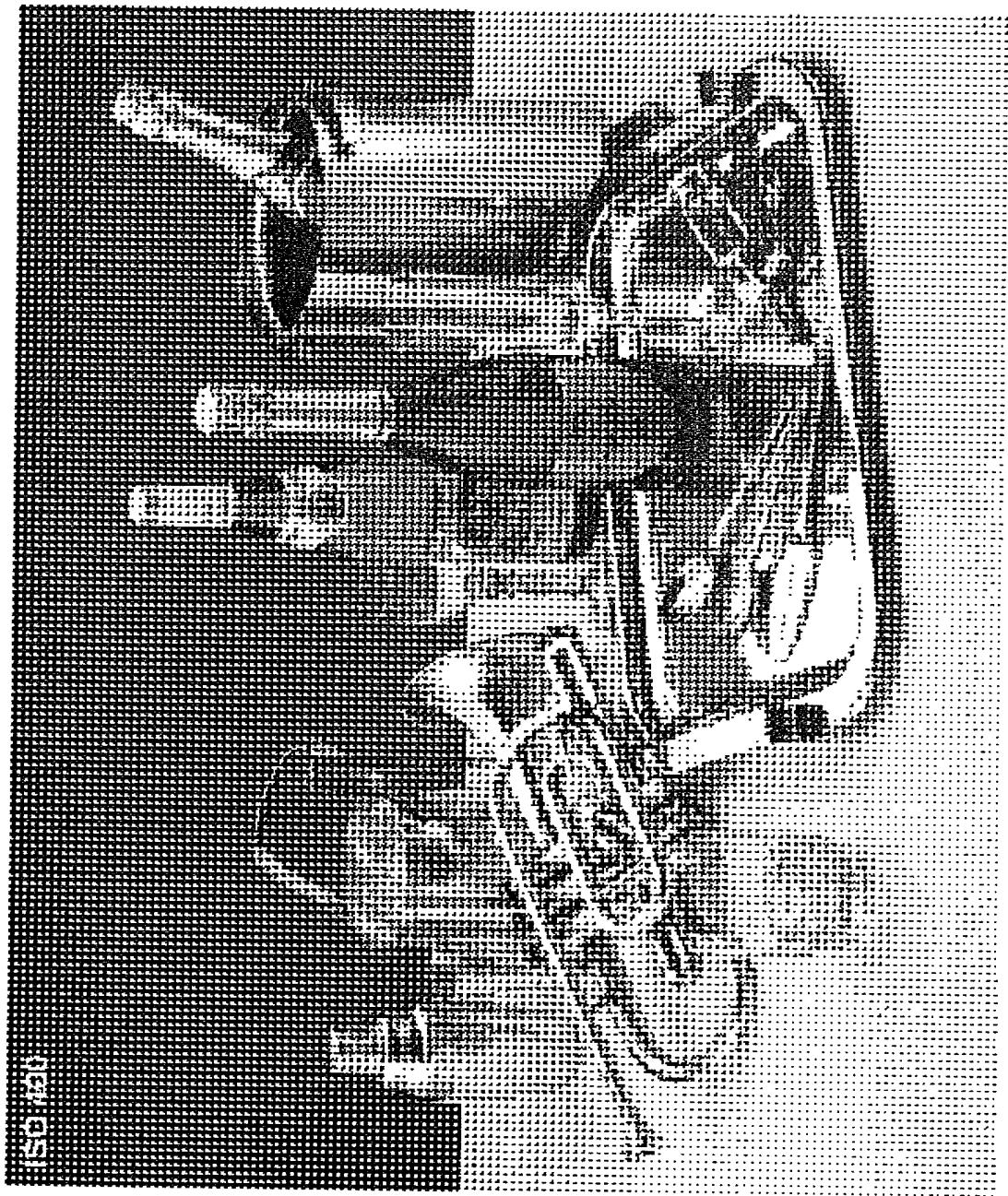


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| | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|---|
| | | O | 32 | 8 |
| 2 | 16 | 32 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 |

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FIG. 3



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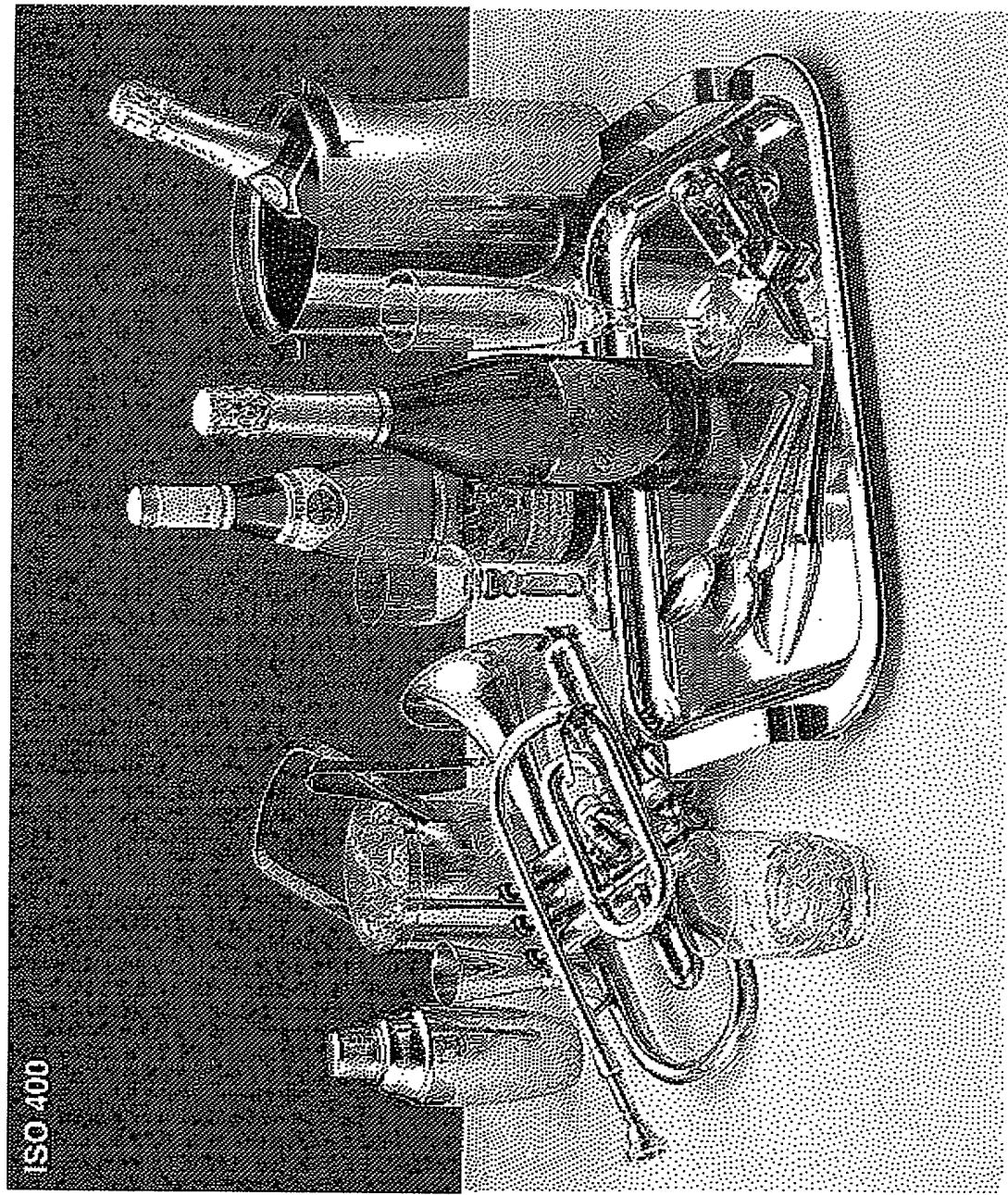
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FIG. 4



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FIG. 5



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FIG. 6



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FIG. 7

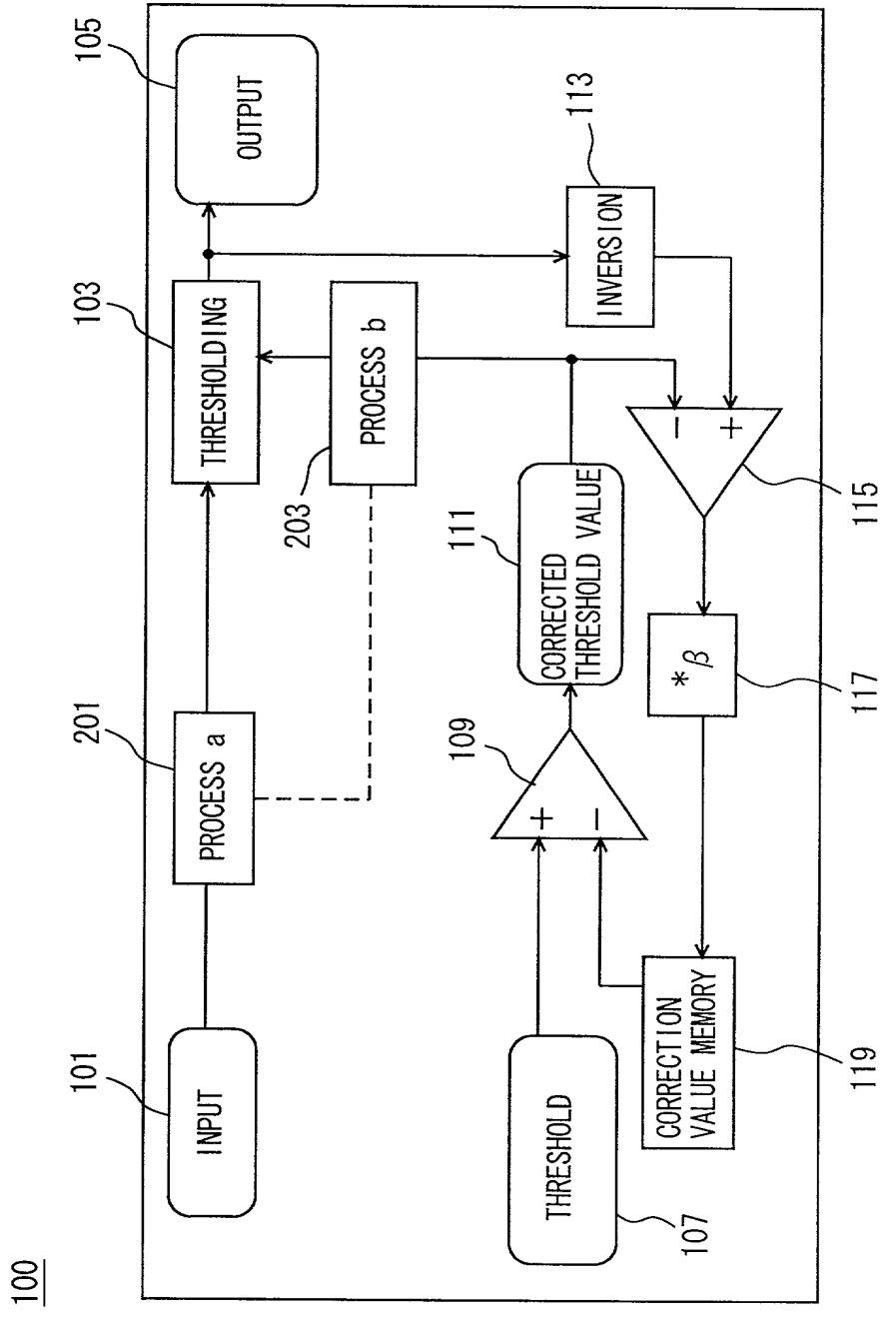


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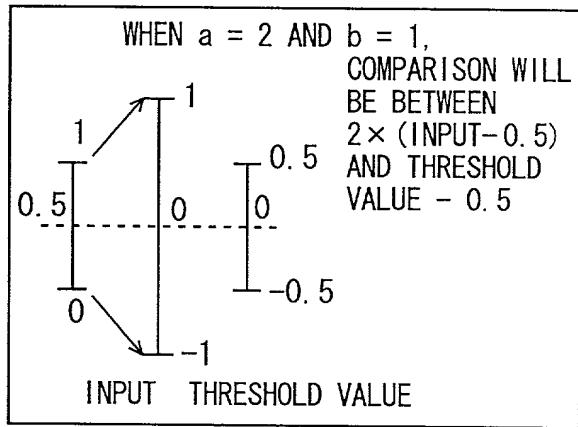


FIG. 8

FIG. 9



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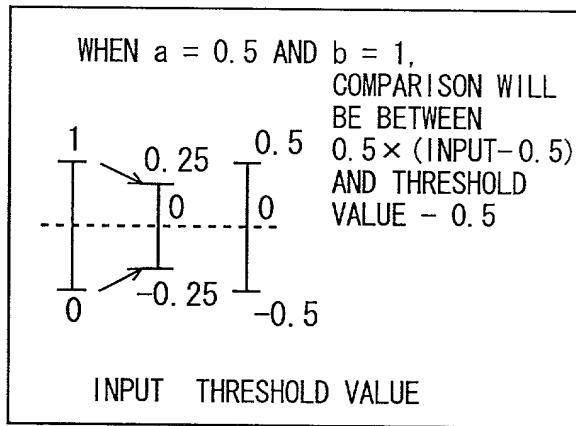


FIG. 12

EXAMPLES OF RELATION BETWEEN THE RATIO OF SET COEFFICIENTS AND DEGREE OF EDGE ENHANCEMENT

| DEGREE OF EDGE ENHANCEMENT | RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENTS a AND b |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| STRONGER | $a > b$ |
| ↑ | |
| COMPARABLE TO COMMON THRESHOLD VALUE DIFFUSION | $a = b$ |
| ↓ | |
| WEAKER | $a < b$ |

FIG. 13

TABLE OF CONDITIONS FOR COEFFICIENT SETTING

| | COEFFICIENT a | COEFFICIENT b | a/b | β |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------|---------|
| EXAMPLE 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.08 |
| EXAMPLE 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 |
| EXAMPLE 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0.68 |

FIG. 17

| | COEFFICIENT a | COEFFICIENT b | a/b |
|------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| EXAMPLE 1' | 1 | 10 | 0.1 |
| EXAMPLE 2' | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| EXAMPLE 3' | 1 | 0.5 | 2 |

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FIG. 14



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FIG. 15





FIG. 16

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| | COEFFICIENT a | COEFFICIENT b | a/b |
|------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| EXAMPLE 1" | 0.5 | 5 | 0.1 |
| EXAMPLE 2" | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| EXAMPLE 3" | 4 | 2 | 2 |

F I G. 19

WHEN $a = 2$, $b = 1$

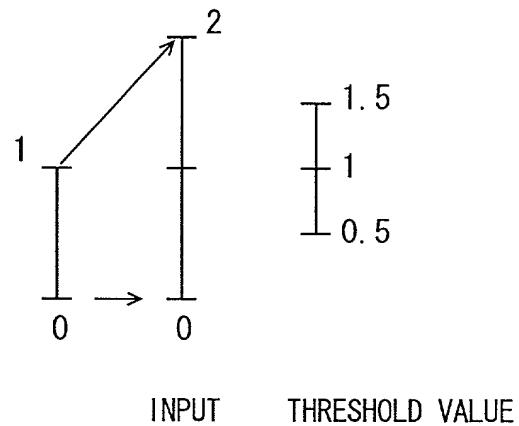


FIG. 20

WHEN $a = 3, b = 1$

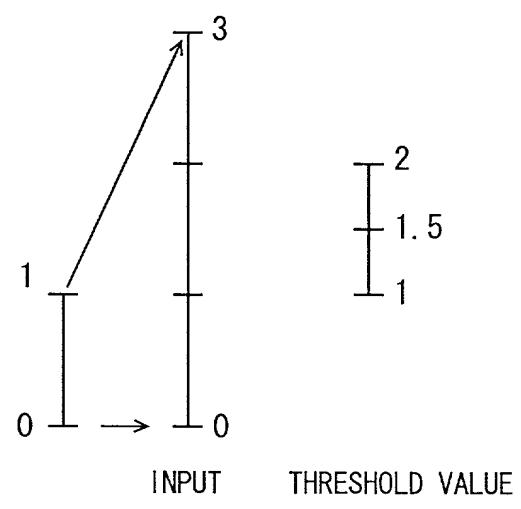
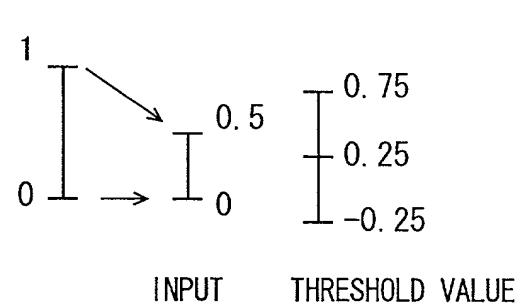


FIG. 21

WHEN $a = 0.5, b = 1$



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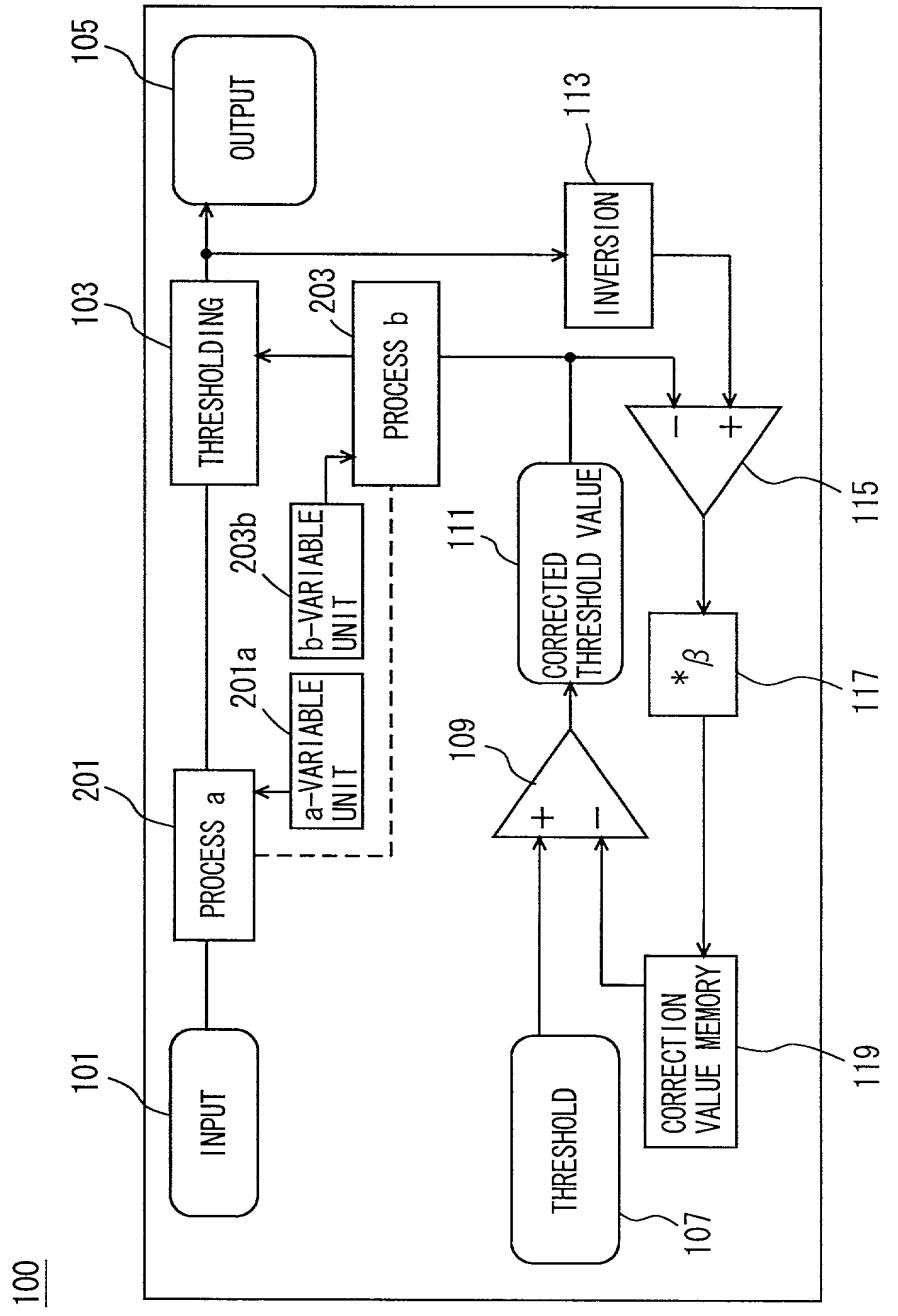


FIG. 23

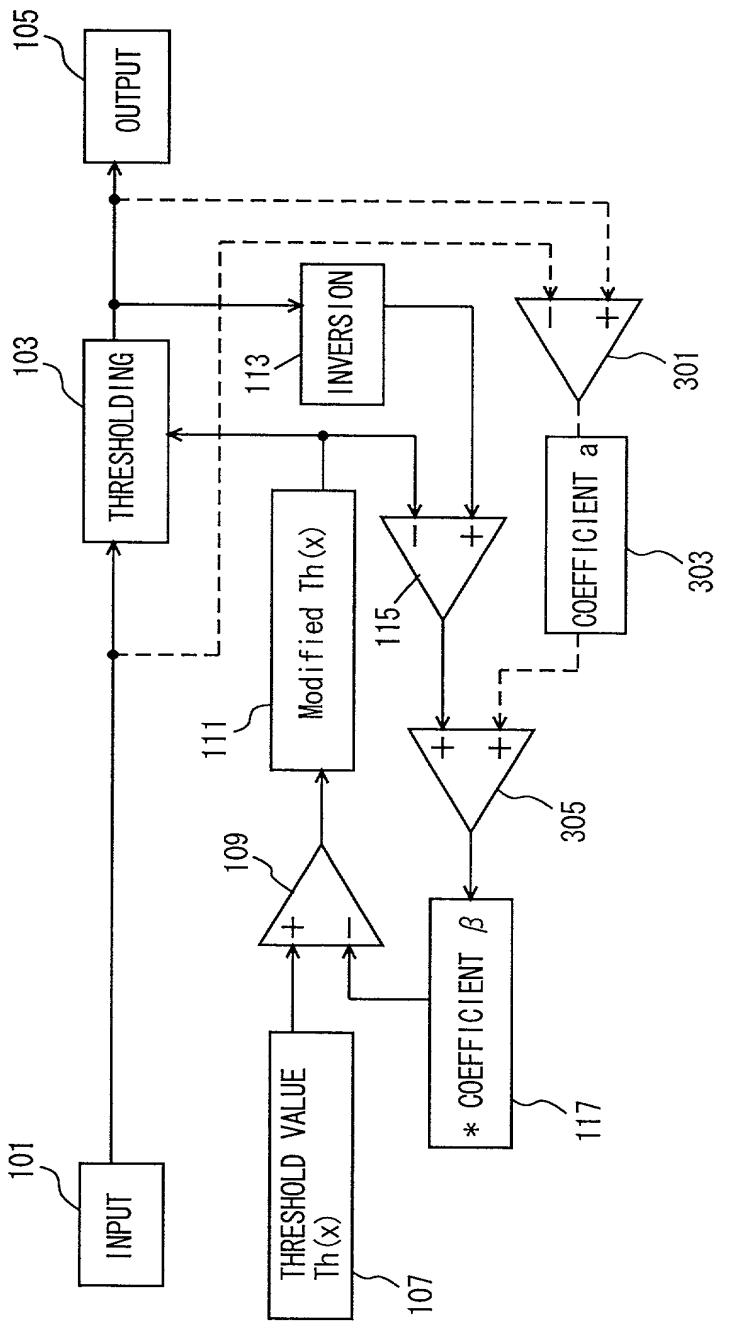


FIG. 24

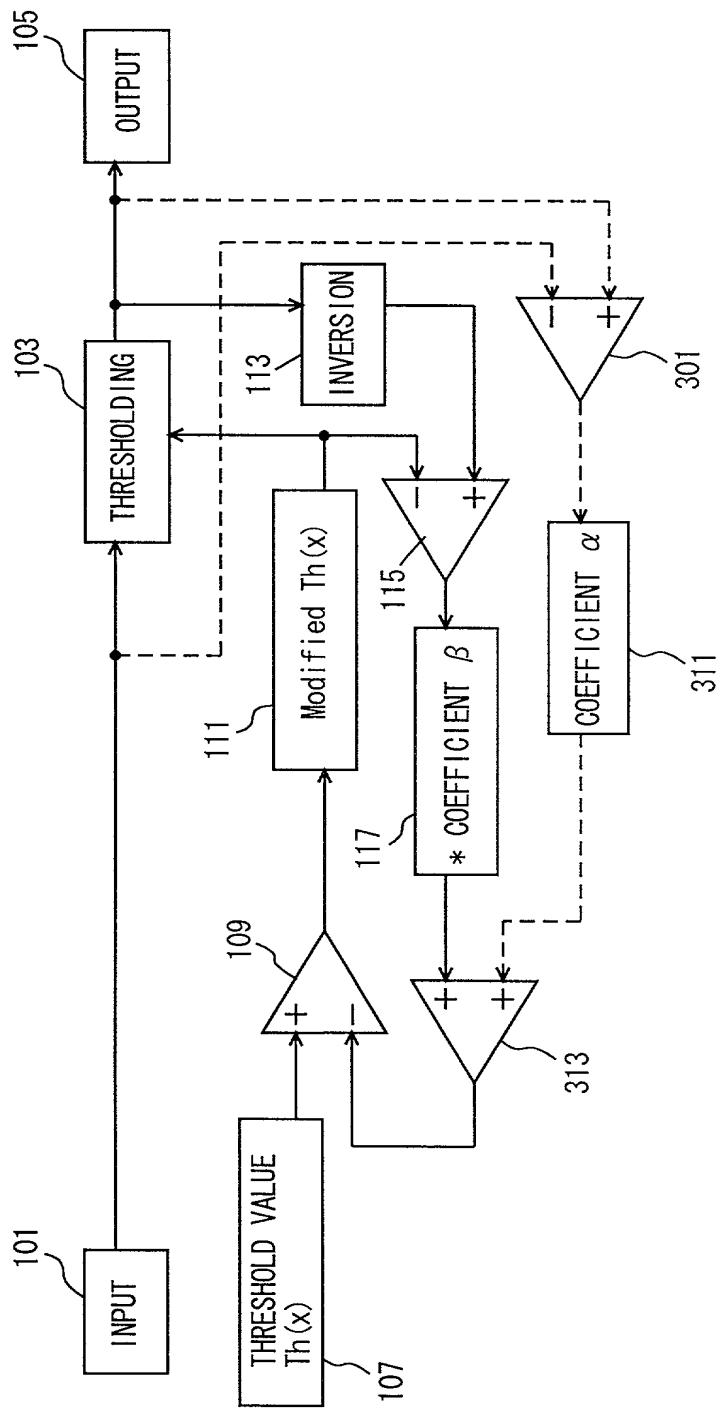


FIG. 25

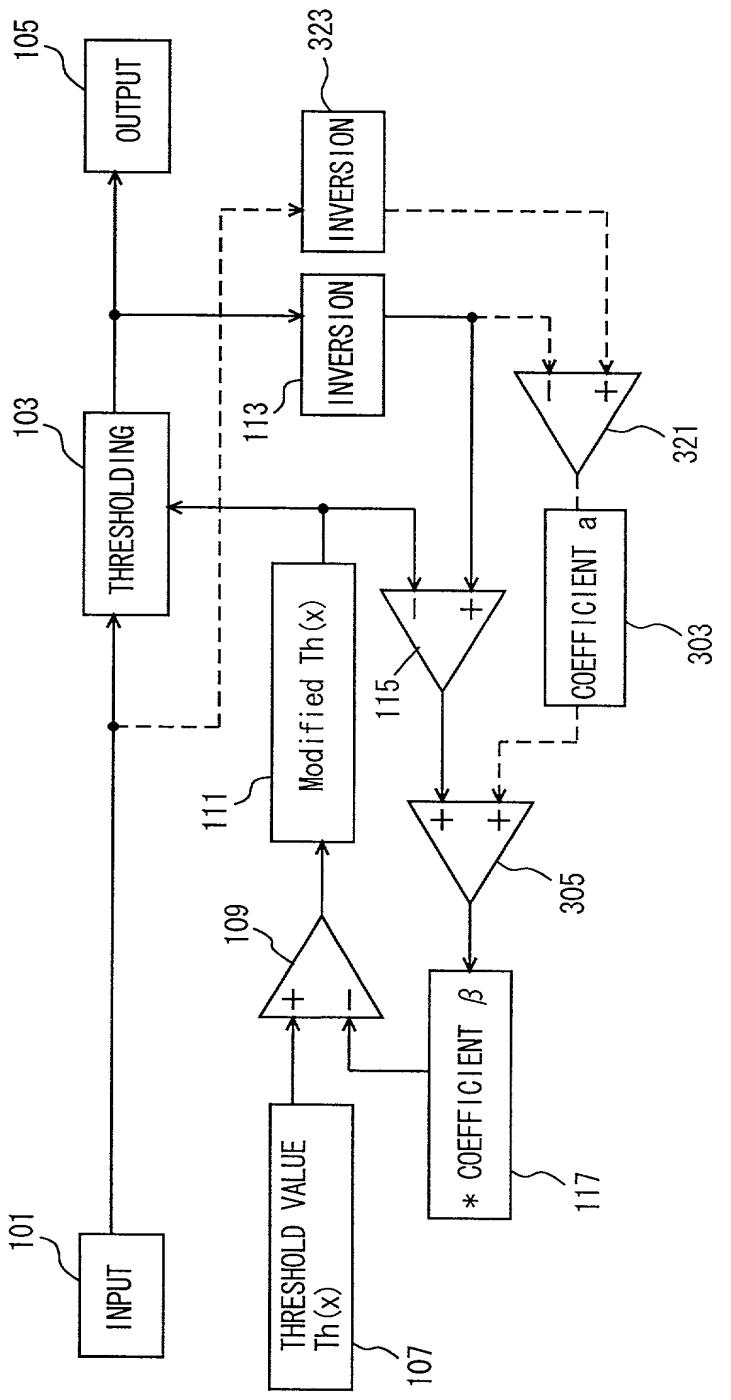
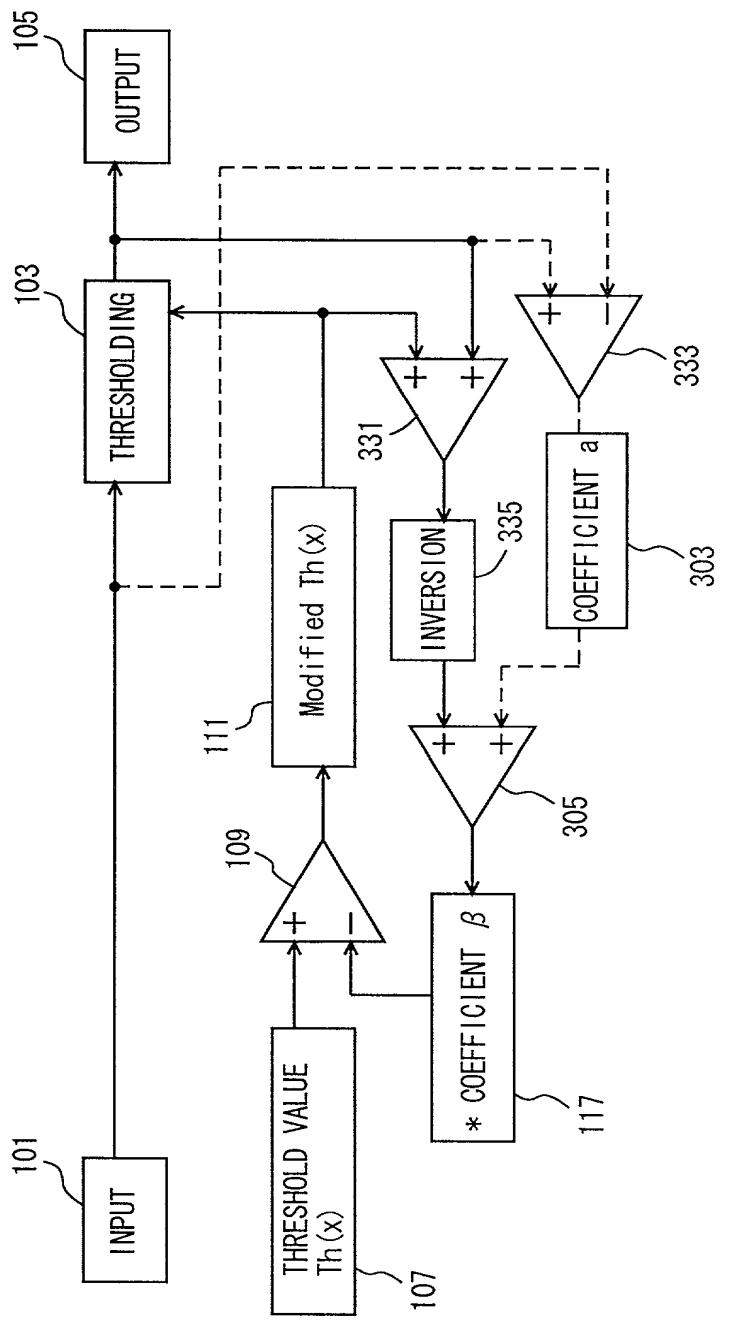


FIG. 26



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EXAMPLES OF RELATION BETWEEN THE VALUE OF SET COEFFICIENTS AND DEGREE OF EDGE ENHANCEMENT

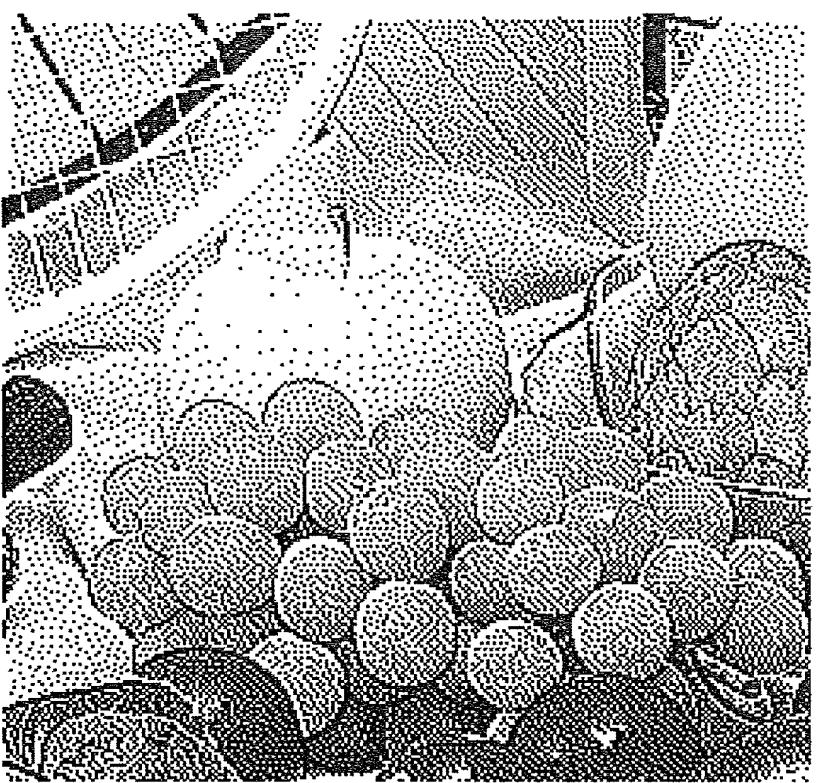
| DEGREE OF EDGE ENHANCEMENT | COEFFICIENTS a |
|---|------------------|
| STRONGER | $a > 0$ |
| ↑ | |
| COMPARABLE TO COMMON THRESHOLD VALUE DIFFUSION | $a = 0$ |
| ↓ | |
| WEAKER | $a < 0$ |

F I G. 28

TABLE OF SET COEFFICIENT VALUES

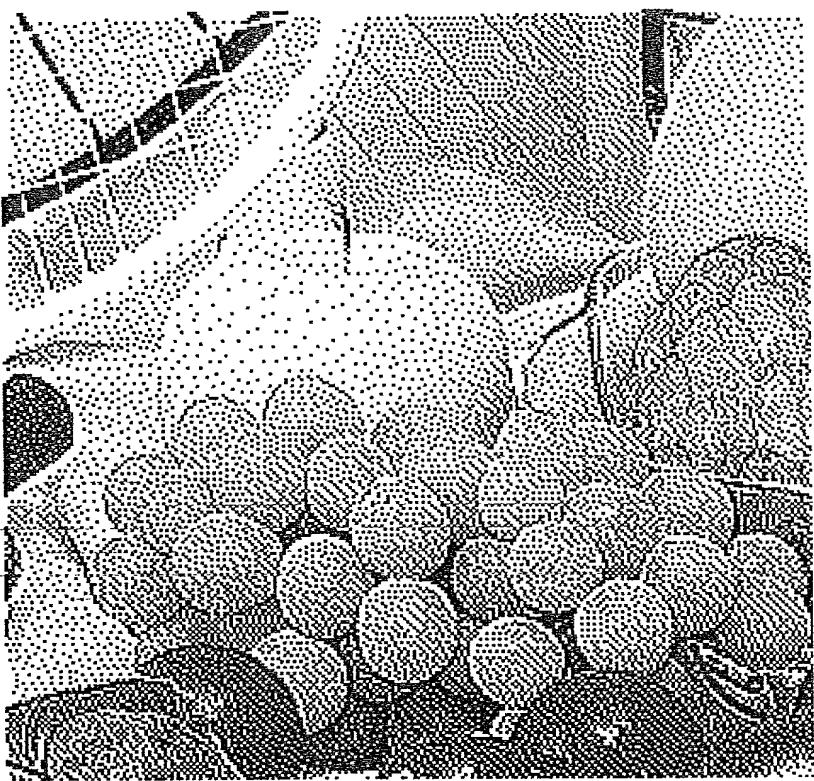
| | COEFFICIENT a | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| RESULT 1 | 0.5 | STRONG EDGE ENHANCEMENT |
| RESULT 2 | 0.2 | ↑ |
| RESULT 3 | 0 | STANDARD THRESHOLD VALUE DIFFUSION |
| RESULT 4 | -1 | ↓ |
| RESULT 5 | -5 | WEAK EDGE ENHANCEMENT |
| ERROR DIFFUSION | — | STANDARD ERROR VALUE DIFFUSION |

FIG. 29



RESULT 1

FIG. 30



RESULT 2

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FIG. 31



RESULT 3

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FIG. 32



RESULT 4

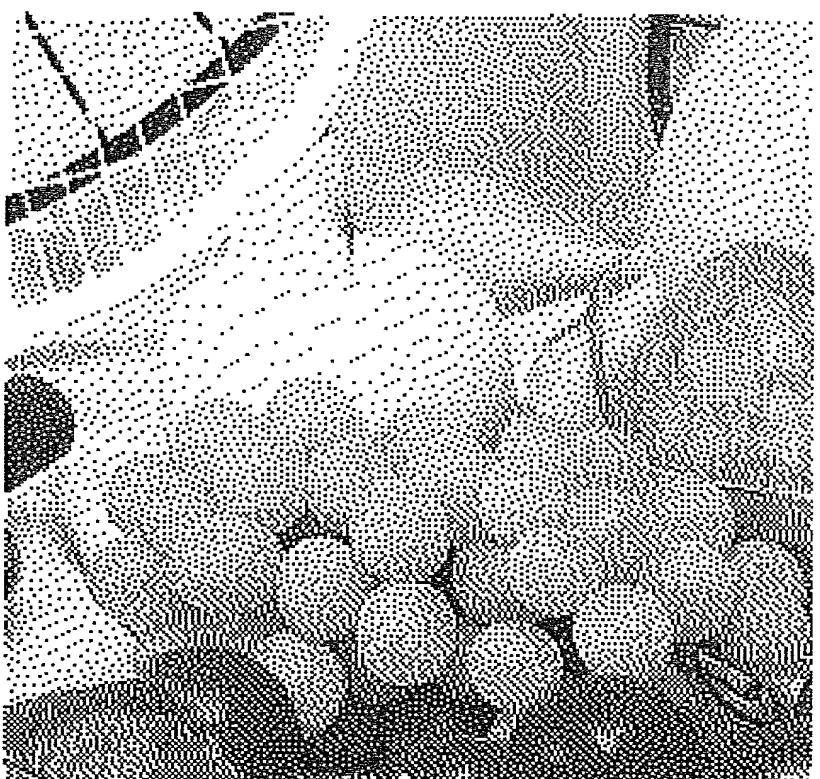
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FIG. 33



RESULT 5

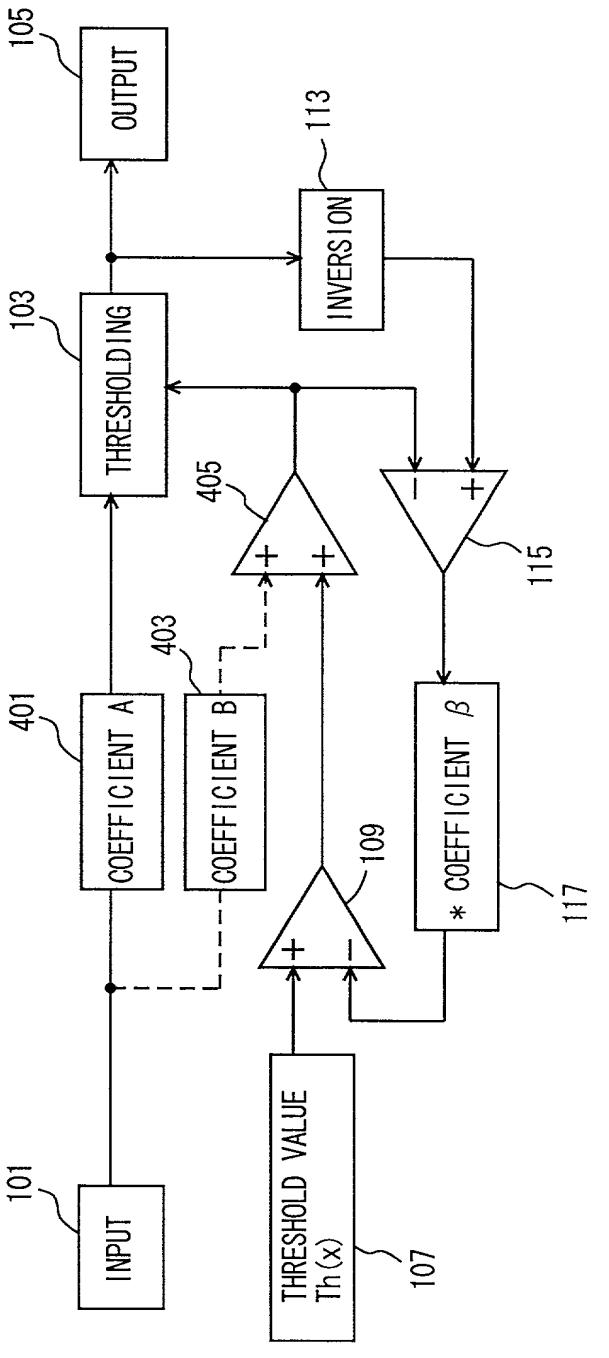
FIG. 34



ERROR DIFFUSION

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FIG. 35



F I G. 36

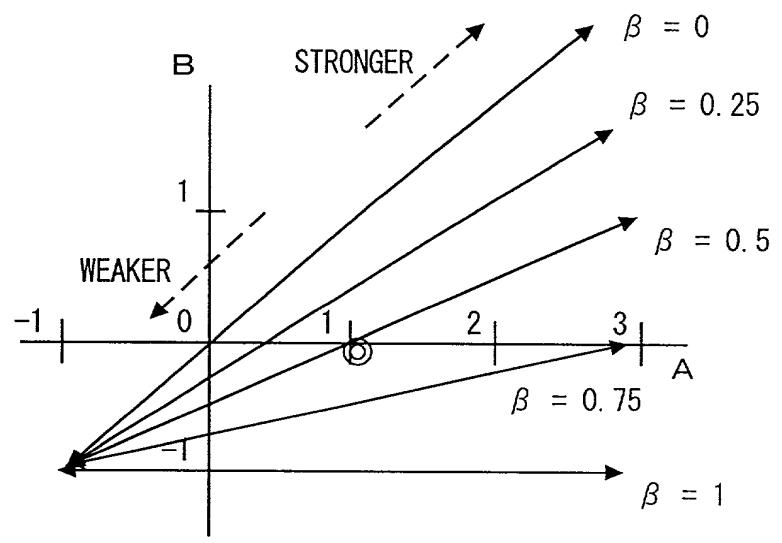


FIG. 37

 $\beta = 0.25$

| | WEAK | | | STRONG |
|---|------|-------|-----|--------|
| A | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| B | -1 | -0.25 | 0.5 | 1.25 |

 $\beta = 0.5$ (STANDARD THRESHOLD VALUE DIFFUSION)

| | WEAK | | STD | | STRONG |
|---|------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| A | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| B | -1 | -0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 |

 $\beta = 0.75$

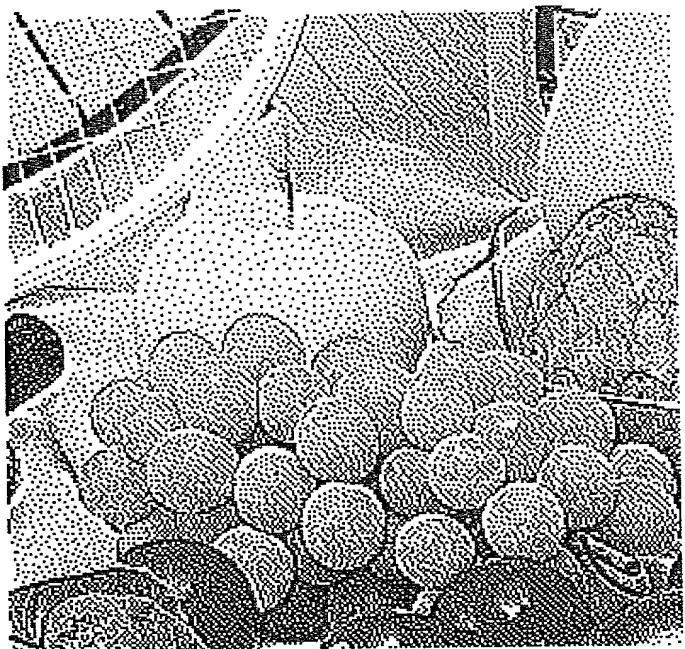
| | WEAK | | STRONG | STRONG | STRONG |
|---|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| A | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| B | -1 | -0.75 | -0.5 | -0.25 | 0 |

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TABLE OF SET COEFFICIENT VALUES (IN RESULTS 1 TO 5, $\beta = 0.5$)

| | COEFFICIENT A | COEFFICIENT B | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| RESULT 1 | 3 | 1 | STRONG EDGE ENHANCEMENT |
| RESULT 2 | 2 | 0.5 | ↑ |
| RESULT 3 | 1 | 0 | STANDARD THRESHOLD VALUE DIFFUSION |
| RESULT 4 | 0 | -0.5 | ↓ |
| RESULT 5 | -1 | -1 | WEAK EDGE ENHANCEMENT |
| ERROR DIFFUSION | — | — | STANDARD ERROR VALUE DIFFUSION |

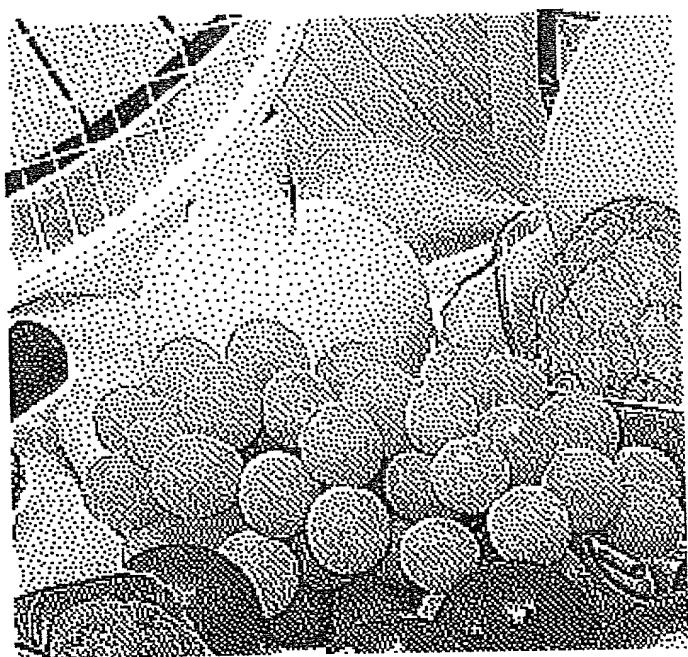
FIG. 39



RESULT 1

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FIG. 40



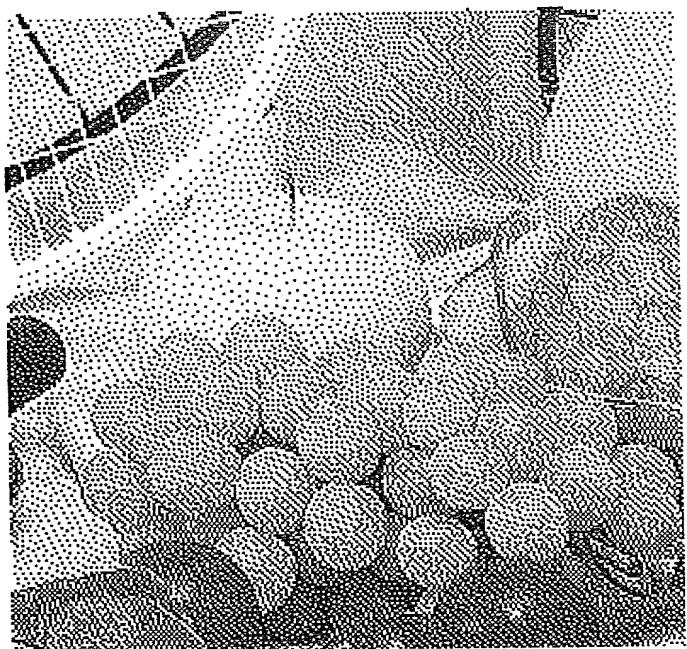
RESULT 2

FIG. 41



RESULT 3

FIG. 42



RESULT 4

FIG. 43

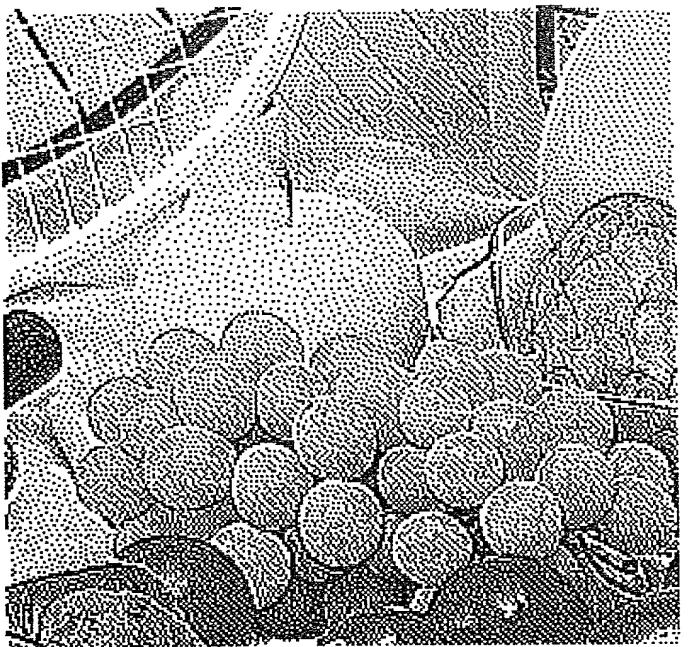


RESULT 5

FIG. 44

| | COEFFICIENT A | COEFFICIENT B | COEFFICIENT β | |
|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| RESULT 6 | 3 | 2 | 0.25 | STRONG EDGE ENHANCEMENT |
| RESULT 7 | -1 | -1 | 0.25 | WEAK |
| RESULT 8 | 3 | 0 | 0.75 | STRONG EDGE ENHANCEMENT |
| RESULT 9 | -1 | -1 | 0.75 | WEAK |

FIG. 45



RESULT 6

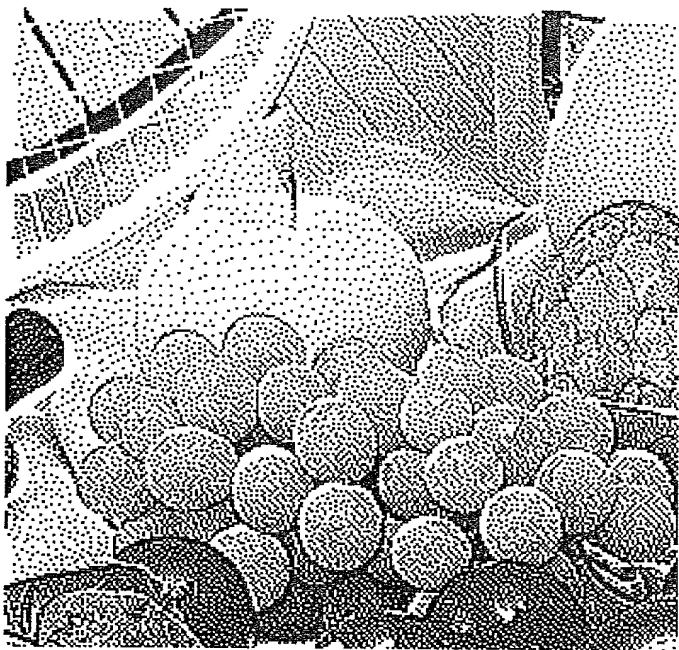
FIG. 46



RESULT 7

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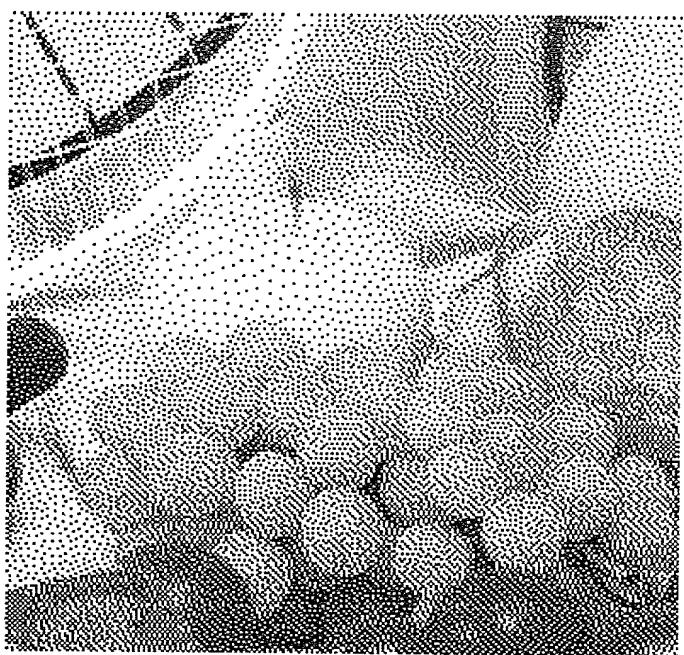
FIG. 47



RESULT 8

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FIG. 48



RESULT 9

FIG. 49 PRIOR ART

